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The First Housing “Main Building”

- Every function of the University was in Old Main.
- 42 students and 5 faculty members all lived in the “Main Building.”
- The initial budget, which included construction costs, was \$50,000, paid for by raising bonds.





Merica Hall

- First Residence Hall building for women
- Completed in 1908
- Named for Charles Merica, University President 1908-1912
- Designed by W.A. Hitchcock architect from Cheyenne



President Merica's plans to build other buildings on campus were rejected by the Wyoming legislature because Merica Hall "stuck out like a sore thumb" since it was brick among the sandstone buildings of campus. It was decided to paint the brick pink to blend in with campus.



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Hoyt Hall

- By 1915 enrollment at UW had grown to 234
- Increased need for housing
- Completed in 1916
- Named after the first University President
- Designed by W.A. Hitchcock, an architect from Cheyenne





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McWhinnie Hall

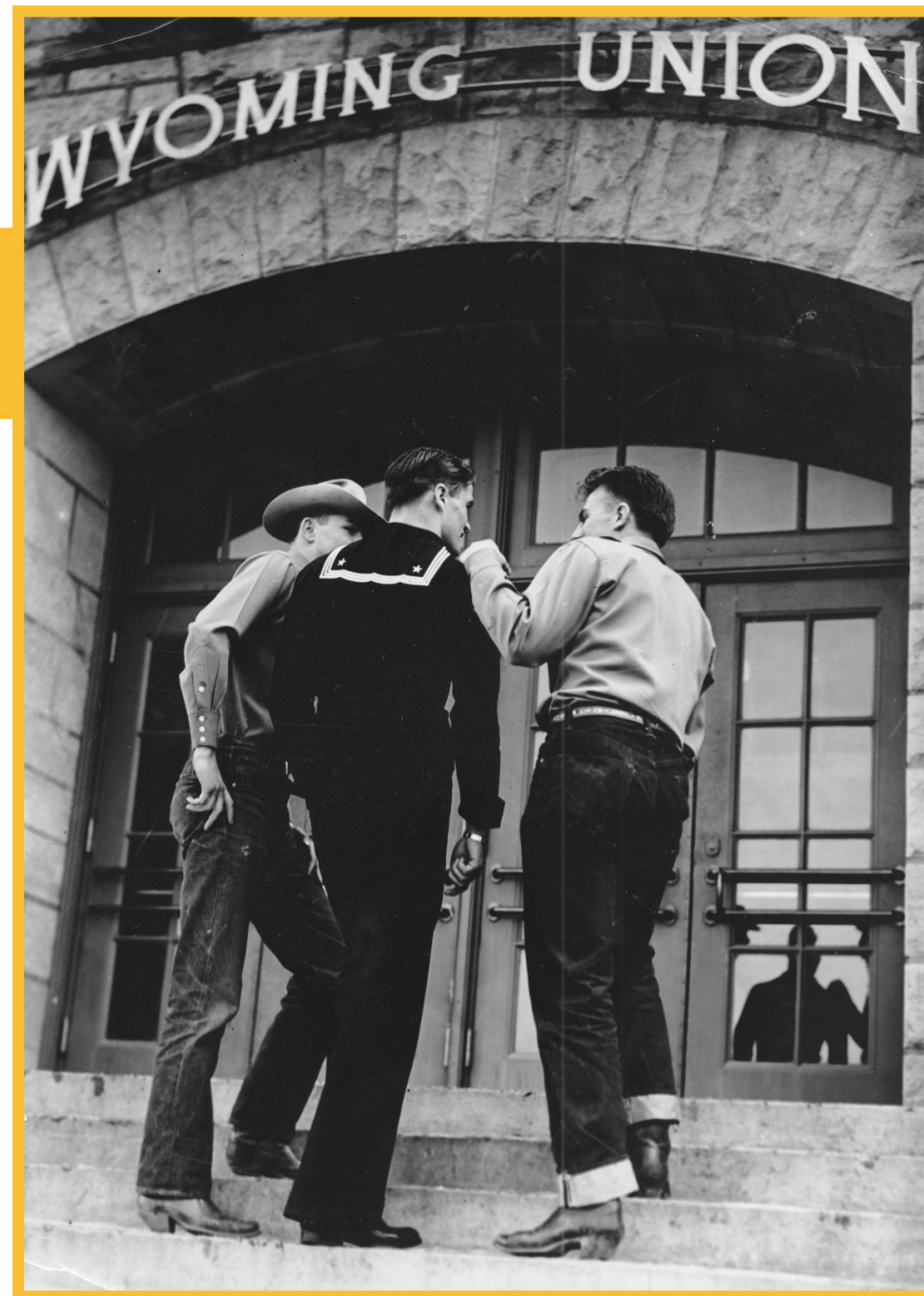
- Built as a men's graduate student hall
- East of the Education Building built in 1928
- Campus planners joke that the architect, W.A. Hitchcock, must have been paid by the number of steps he managed to put into the building
- Tudor-style architecture with no accessible rooms or bathrooms



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Wyoming Union

- Built in 1939
- The Union housed a ballroom, banquet room, student and faculty lounges, a soda fountain, smaller dining rooms, game rooms, committee rooms, quarters for student government, campus publications, post office, alumni office, and the ROTC office.
- In the first two years on the third floor the Union housed a dormitory for men. There were five single and seven double rooms available.





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Knight Hall

- Central Core completed in 1941
- Western Wing completed in 1946
- Named for Samuel Knight's mother, who served as the Dean of Women from 1911-1921
- Women's Hall until 1960
- Men's Graduate Housing 1960's
- Used as Student Housing until 1971





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University Growth

- Enrolment tripled in the early 1920's
- President Arthur Crane lobbied the Wyoming Legislature to increase royalties from oil revenues to create a building fund
- Crane initiated UW's first formal campus planning process, enlisting the help of Laramie architect Wilbur Hitchcock and the Denver-based landscape architecture firm of McCrary, Cully, and Carthart to create a 25 year master plan, guiding the development of a "Greater University"
- The 1922 plan established a quadrangle of buildings on the perimeter of an open space, later known as Prexy's Pasture





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Architectural Design



- Hitchcock's aim was to create a design vocabulary that would allow variety in building styles while providing continuity in massing and materials.
- To harmonize with the local landscape, all buildings were to be constructed of native buff-rose-colored sandstone from the university's quarry and buff-colored brick
- Built with stepped rooflines that mimicked the outline of Wyoming's mountains.
- These guidelines influenced the design of campus buildings for the next forty years or more.



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Post World War II

- Temporary housing for returning veterans was supplied in “Veterans’ Village” in the southeast section of Fraternity Park
- Consisting of “Butler huts, prefabricated houses, row apartments and plain trailers,” designed to supply 1,000 housing units for single and married veterans.
- Permanent post war improvements started in the late 1950's and continued into the 1960's





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Ross Hall

- Constructed in 1959
- Women's Housing in 1960s
- Became Academic Offices in 1976
- Was originally planned for the land north of Old Main
- Determined that the green space was to remain next to Old Main and a new location was found



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Wyoming Hall

- Last Housing built west of 15th street
- Men's Housing in 1950's and 1960's

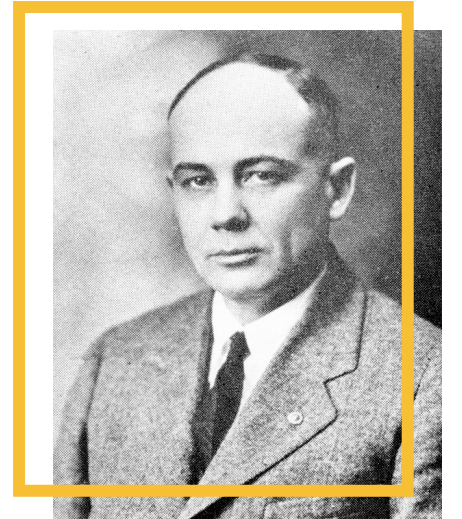




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Crane Hall / John A. Hill Hall

- Constructed in 1962
- 6 story residence halls
- Crane Hall has 203 rooms, Hill Hall has 206 rooms
- Crane last occupied 2013-14 academic year
- Hill last occupied 2016-17 academic year
- UW Catering & Events moved out of kitchen March 2018



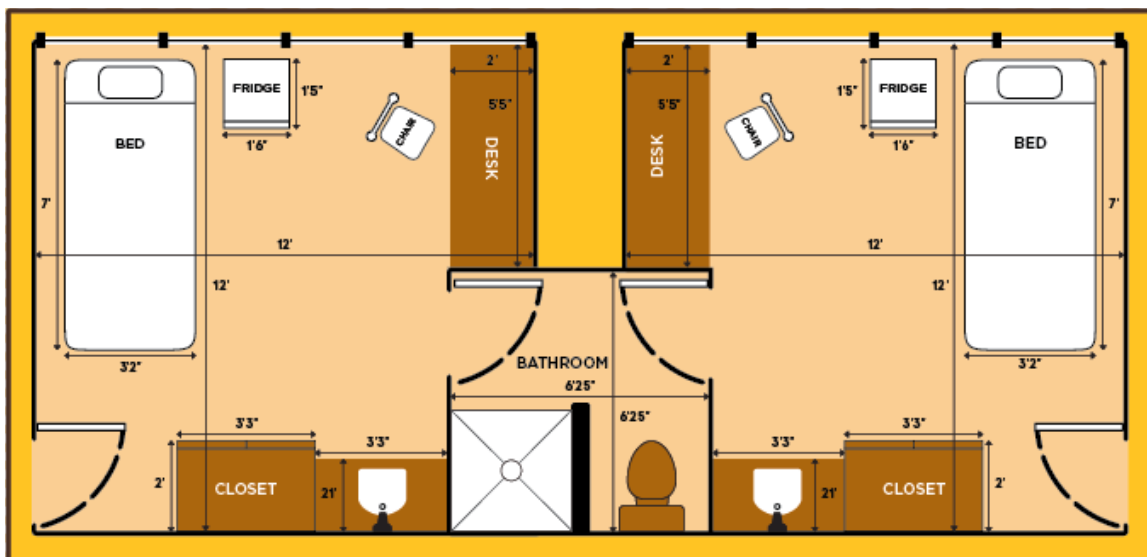
John A. Hill, Faculty
Acting UW President: 1919-1920



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June Etta Downey (Downey Hall)

- Constructed in 1965
- Eight-story residence hall, with 210 residence rooms



(Washakie Suite Layout)

Renovated in 2011, substantial completion on 8/31/11.
Renovation Work included:

- Fire sprinkler system retrofit
- Window replacement
- Heating upgrades (including thermostats with limited occupant control)
- Fire-rated corridor doors
- Swipe Card door access controls to the student rooms
- Minor modifications to lounges and ground floor
- Cost \$6 million



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Clara Frances McIntyre (McIntyre Hall)

- Constructed in 1966
- Twelve-story residence hall with 319 rooms

Renovated in 2005, substantial completion on 6/30/05

Work included:

- Fire sprinkler system retrofit
- Window replacement
- Heating upgrades (including thermostats with limited occupant control)
- Fire-rated corridor doors
- Swipe card door access controls to the student rooms
- Cost \$8.6 million combined with Orr cost





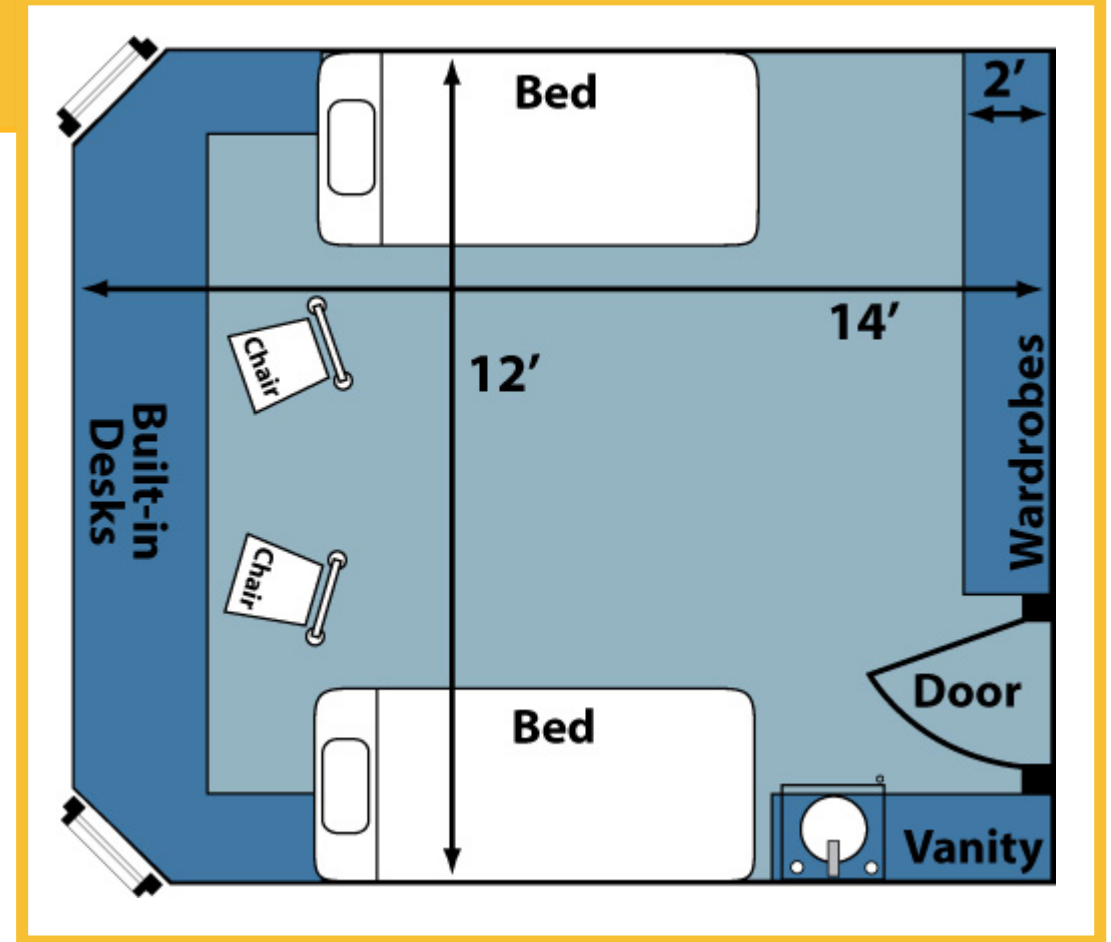
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Harriet Knight Orr (Orr Hall)

- Constructed in 1966
- Eight-story residence hall, with 210 residence rooms

Renovated in 2006, substantial completion on 5/23/06.
Work included:

- Fire sprinkler system retrofit
- Window replacement
- Heating upgrades (including thermostats with limited occupant control)
- Fire-rated corridor doors
- Swipe card door access controls to the student rooms
- Cost \$8.6 million combined with McIntyre cost





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Laura A. White (White Hall)

- Constructed in 1967
- Twelve-story residence hall, with 319 residence rooms

Renovated in 2012. Work included:

- Fire sprinkler system retrofit
- Window replacement
- Heating upgrades (including thermostats with limited occupant control)
- Fire-rated corridor doors
- Swipe card door access controls to the student rooms
- Cost \$14 million

